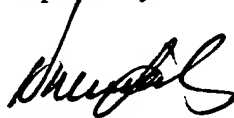


REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-26 were pending in the application. Claims 15 and 17-22 are indicated as allowed by the Examiner. Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 23-26 have been canceled, with applicant reserving the right to pursue such claims in a divisional application without prejudice.

In view of the above, the application is in condition for allowance and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

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